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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]  
CONDUCTED BY DETECTIVE LEONARD DENUTO  
on 16 July, 2017 at 8:38 a.m.

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1 DETECTIVE DENUTO: It is 8:38 in the morning on  
2 the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017. Present is myself. My name is  
3 Detective Ed Hearse (phonetic). My star number is  
4 20598. And you are [REDACTED] is that correct?

## EXAMINATION

6 BY DETECTIVE DENUTO:

7 Q Before we go any further, you're here  
8 voluntarily, and you've consented to give a statement  
9 that you've allowed me to video. Is that correct?  
10 And it's in response to -- you mentioned yesterday,  
11 no, please, just answer.

12 A Yes.

13 Q And it's involving an incident in which your  
14 cousin, [REDACTED] was shot, an incident involving  
15 the police, is that correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 Q How have you been treated by everybody?

18 A Okay.

19 Q No one has made anything difficult on you,  
20 or threatened you in any way to do any of this to  
21 participate? Were you given anything to eat or drink  
22 while you were here?

23 A Yeah.

24 Q What kind of stuff were you given?

1 A Some water, some Doritos.

2 Q Doritos, okay. Did you -- were you allowed  
3 to use the bathroom?

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q Did you use the bathroom?

6 A Yes.

7 Q People -- and I offered -- I let you use the  
8 bathroom.

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay, so you've been treated okay, you said?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Okay. One other thing is, you have a sister  
13 that's also here in the area office, is that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And what's her name?

16 A [REDACTED]

17 Q How old is she?

18 A Uh, I believe 17, 16, or 17.

19 Q And, she's here, and you're aware that she's  
20 being interviewed with a camera, videoed, in some  
21 video, in one of the other rooms up here at the time.  
22 Is that correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And as a blood relative of hers, you've

1 consented and given us permission to speak with her  
2 also as a witness in this matter?

3 A Yes.

4 Q I was going to start off and go over, can  
5 you spell your first name and last name for me please?

6 A [REDACTED]

7 Q Okay, and how old are you?

8 A I'm 20 years of age.

9 Q And where do you live?

10 A [REDACTED] in Aurora, Illinois.

11 Q Aurora, Illinois? Okay. What's your birth  
12 date?

13 A [REDACTED]

14 Q And, zip code out in Aurora?

15 A 60505.

16 Q And, if you just keep your voice up as clear  
17 as best as possible it will help make it so that we  
18 can get this all done in one run. Can you tell me  
19 what your cell phone number is?

20 A [REDACTED].

21 Q You work and go to school, is that correct?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Where do you go to school at?

24 A I'm at, I haven't registered for this year,

1 but I'm at (inaudible 0:02:30) College.

2 Q What are you planning to take there?

3 A Business.

4 Q Okay, very good. And you work a couple of  
5 jobs, is that correct? Where do you work?

6 A Blue Peak Tents out in West Chicago, and my  
7 family owns a dress shop and that's in Aurora. It's  
8 called Torres Guadalajara.

9 Q Torres Guadalajara?

10 A Correct.

11 Q And that's in Aurora also and your parents  
12 own it?

13 A Correct.

14 Q Okay, great. Now, I want to direct your  
15 attention to what happened tonight, earlier in the --  
16 it was in the late night early morning hours of the  
17 night. Now, you were out with a group of friends, or,  
18 I'm sorry, relatives and friends.

19 And I think you told me that you were brought  
20 downtown with -- you had come from Aurora, and your  
21 group had driven downtown going up by Soldier's Field  
22 to see the lakefront?

23 A Yes.

24 Q How did you get down there?

1 A My sister's boyfriend had driven us.

2 Q What's your sister's boyfriend's name?

3 A I believe -- I don't really know him.

4 Q What do you refer to him as?

5 A [REDACTED] (phonetic).

6 Q [REDACTED]

7 A Yes.

8 Q And, he is your sister's, [REDACTED]

9 boyfriend?

10 A Correct.

11 Q About how old is he?

12 A About 18 maybe.

13 Q Okay. What race is he?

14 A I don't know.

15 Q Spanish?

16 A I don't really know, Hispanic or --

17 Q And he's dating your sister?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Now, when you went down -- when you came in  
20 from Aurora, and you went downtown, who was in the  
21 car?

22 A It was me, myself, my sister, and the driver  
23 of the car.

24 Q And [REDACTED] is your sister?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Okay, so there were three of you in the car?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Whose car were you in?

5 A I believe it was his car. I'm not sure. It  
6 was a Mercury.

7 Q You believe it was [REDACTED] car?

8 A Yes.

9 Q He was driving it, is that correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And where was your sister sitting in the  
12 car?

13 A In the passenger's seat.

14 Q The front passenger's seat?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And where you were sitting?

17 A Back rear passenger's seat behind [REDACTED]

18 Q You were sitting behind your sister?

19 A Right.

20 Q And, the other seat at the point in time  
21 when you were downtown was unoccupied? It was just  
22 the three of you?

23 A Yes, yes.

24 Q Okay. While you were downtown, were you --

1 you're not -- you're not drunk or high or anything  
2 right now, are you?

3 A No, sir.

4 Q Were you drunk or high at any point in time  
5 when this was occurring, any of this stuff tonight?

6 A No.

7 Q No, okay. Had you had anything to drink?

8 A Well, I mean, a little bit of drink, that's  
9 it. So, we (inaudible 0:04:48).

10 Q Okay. Was that earlier -- would you know  
11 about what time maybe, a little earlier.

12 A No.

13 Q Was it before this all happened?

14 A Yes.

15 Q So, you're downtown. After you guys were  
16 downtown, what happened? Did you guys get a call to  
17 go somewhere?

18 A Yeah, we had a -- we had gotten a call from  
19 [REDACTED], and (inaudible 0:05:17) if we could pick up my  
20 cousin from where he was at, the location he was at.  
21 And we (inaudible 0:05:25). He asked me and I said  
22 yes.

23 Q What's your cousin's name?

24 A [REDACTED]



1 Q [REDACTED] And do you know who  
2 specifically got the call? Did you get a call, or did  
3 [REDACTED] get the call?

4 A Yeah, we got, like all three of us got, you  
5 know, we were all, you know.

6 Q So, collectively you all received phone  
7 calls from your cousin, [REDACTED]

8 A Right.

9 Q And he was asking for a ride home?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did you guys go pick him up?

12 A Yes, we did.

13 Q So, you left where you were at by the  
14 lakefront, by Soldier's Field, and went to give him a  
15 ride?

16 A Right, right.

17 Q Do you remember where you went to pick him  
18 up?

19 A I'm not certain.

20 Q Do you know if you were still in the City of  
21 Chicago?

22 A I believe so yeah, because (inaudible  
23 0:06:05) for a lot longer, so, I'm not really familiar  
24 with the neighborhood.

1 Q Do you know if you're on the north side,  
2 west side, south side, or? You weren't driving, I get  
3 it. So --

4 A I wasn't aware of my surroundings.

5 Q From the time you left the Soldier's Field  
6 area to the time you actually picked up [REDACTED] wherever  
7 you picked him up. About how much time had passed?

8 A About 40 minutes, maybe 45, 30 minutes. I  
9 don't know.

10 Q So, it took a little time to get him?

11 A Yes.

12 Q When you got there and picked him up, was  
13 that at a residence, or did you pick him up at a bar?

14 A No, it was -- I don't know maybe he came out  
15 from -- we just -- we just had some location on 93<sup>rd</sup>.

16 Q Okay, when he came, did he get right in the  
17 car?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was he alone?

20 A Yes, he was alone.

21 Q And he got in the car. Where did he sit  
22 when he got in the car?

23 A Behind the driver's seat.

24 Q So, he was in the seat next to you behind

1 the driver?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Okay. At this point in time now, it was the  
4 four of you in the car. Where were you guys driving  
5 to at that point in time?

6 A To drop him off at his house, from point A  
7 to point B.

8 Q Who's that [REDACTED]

9 A Yes.

10 Q You give him a ride. How much time went by  
11 from the time that you picked [REDACTED] up to the time when  
12 you were dropping him off at home which is?

13 A In Cicero. I don't know -- (inaudible  
14 0:07:47).

15 Q That's fine. Now, [REDACTED] in the car. Had  
16 you guys had any problem with anyone in the car? Was  
17 there any argument going on within the car?

18 A No, no.

19 Q Did any type of a disturbance or anything  
20 happen outside the car, like anyone in another car?  
21 People standing on the street, any kind of trouble  
22 with you guys at all?

23 A Not that I know of. I don't think so.

24 Q So, everything was normal and you were just

1 giving him a ride home?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Are you aware if [REDACTED] had a weapon with him,  
4 a gun once he got in the car?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q When he got in the car, did he have anything  
7 with him; in a bag or a box or anything that you  
8 remember?

9 A He just had a little bag with him.

10 Q Like, was it like a store bag or a backpack  
11 bag, or --

12 A Like a book bag.

13 Q A book bag, okay. And do you know the color  
14 by any chance, or?

15 A No, I wasn't right there.

16 Q But, he had a book bag when he got in the  
17 car?

18 A Right.

19 Q And you say you're not aware if he had a gun  
20 at all at any point in time?

21 A None of us was aware of it.

22 Q He didn't make any mention -- did he make  
23 any mention of having a gun, or talk about a gun at  
24 all?

1 A No, not that I know of.

2 Q He wasn't showing it to anyone, or anything  
3 like that?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay, everything's good and you're on the  
6 way home, as you're getting closer to [REDACTED] house,  
7 does -- do you guys -- do you ever notice the police  
8 are following you or stopping you or anything like  
9 that?

10 A No, but we were just -- we literally almost  
11 to our destination because I was like, we were going  
12 around the -- the back alley to his house, and he said  
13 go that way, he had a (inaudible 0:09:29), but blue  
14 lights came on.

15 Q You said, what, you guys, they turned their  
16 blue lights at you?

17 A Yes.

18 Q You know, emergency lights?

19 A Right.

20 Q And, did you guys notice that -- did you  
21 notice that the police were following you guys before  
22 they turned the blue lights on, by any chance or  
23 anything like that?

24 A No, no, no.

1 Q Okay.

2 A Well, once we turned onto -- I don't know if  
3 it was directly onto Mulligan --

4 Q Mulligan?

5 A Yes. I noticed that they were behind us.

6 Q So, you noticed that the police car was on  
7 your tail and that the blue lights were on.

8 A Yes.

9 Q And then you guys turned, and then you say  
10 within a short period of time they turned on their  
11 blue lights and lit you up as you said. What does it  
12 mean when they turn on their blue lights?

13 A It means that you need to stop.

14 Q Okay. All right, you have to stop, okay.  
15 Was there any discussion in the car when the police  
16 were following, or when the blue lights went on about  
17 anything? Did anyone in the car see when the police  
18 pulled you over, or say anything?

19 A No.

20 Q When the police did turn on their blue  
21 lights, what did [REDACTED] do?

22 A He did like he was told and he pulled over.

23 Q He stopped the car, okay. Right away, too  
24 right; he didn't like try to drive away, he stopped.

1 A He stopped the car.

2 Q Did anyone in the car seem nervous or  
3 jittery about the police being there?

4 A I don't know, no not really, I didn't, I  
5 didn't. Was it because -- I didn't actually notice.

6 Q Do you remember the police walking up and  
7 talking to [REDACTED] and asking him for his driver's  
8 license or anything like that?

9 A I mean, I don't know, I don't know. What we  
10 were thinking is (inaudible 0:11:15).

11 Q Hold on. I guess what I'm asking is, it's  
12 okay, if you don't specifically remember. Do you  
13 remember the part of the incident where -- Do you  
14 remember the part where the police talked to the  
15 driver, [REDACTED] right?

16 A I don't remember, I'm not sure, you know.

17 Q You're not sure, okay.

18 A I don't know what the guy said.

19 Q Do you remember any interaction between [REDACTED]  
20 and the police?

21 A There was an altercation from both ends  
22 going back and forth.

23 Q When you say both ends, you mean the police  
24 were being loud, and [REDACTED] was being loud, or? Did it

1 sound like, in essence, were they like arguing with  
2 each other? They're talking hard?

3 A I believe so, yeah.

4 Q Do you remember the substance of anything or  
5 any specific words that were said when that was going  
6 on?

7 A It was loud, like the one --

8 Q Was it not as loud though?

9 A They were having, yeah.

10 Q Did [REDACTED] seem agitated, or was he mad?

11 A He seemed to be, I don't know, I mean  
12 (inaudible 0:12:20).

13 Q Okay. As this is all going on, where is  
14 your focus in this whole thing when you got, when you  
15 were in this car? When you're hearing this loud stuff  
16 going on with the police back and for with [REDACTED] What  
17 are you focusing on in this whole scenario?

18 A I don't know, first of all, my sister was in  
19 front of me like, but they're out there, like  
20 seriously, like they approached the car, very like I  
21 believe like with their guns drawn.

22 So, I was like fuckin' making that clear, like I  
23 was trying to be like cop with the gun. There's like  
24 three mother fuckers, innocent mother fuckers that



1 don't have like, you know, they were asking for  
2 weapons. You know what I'm saying? Whatever they had  
3 seen -- it happened so fast. I don't know.

4 Q So, the police are coming up heavy as you  
5 say. They had their guns out.

6 A They got their guns drawn.

7 Q [REDACTED] in a back and forth with the police  
8 that's getting loud. You're focusing on your sister,  
9 if I'm hearing right?

10 A Uh-huh. I'm just trying to make her feel  
11 like, we didn't do anything.

12 Q And then it all happened, but you haven't  
13 done anything wrong yourself.

14 A Exactly.

15 Q And your sister hadn't.

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. So, then while this is going on, you,  
18 you, what do you hear next? Or, what do you see next?

19 A I wasn't even trying, I was, I was so upset,  
20 like I'm trying not to get shot, but I'm trying like  
21 not have my body like a sailing shot, or whatever.  
22 Like, I was just trying to, I don't know cooperate.  
23 I'm like sitting forward. I don't know I was trying  
24 not to make any sudden movement. And then I wasn't

1 really, like at the scene I didn't, you know, that's  
2 when (inaudible 0:14:01).

3 Q So, (inaudible 0:14:04) because all this is  
4 going on.

5 A Right.

6 Q Do you hear anything?

7 A I just heard loud, I just heard the loud  
8 altercation between them two, and I was so focusing on  
9 --

10 Q Did you hear any gunshots?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q How many did you hear if you had to guess?

13 A I believe it was at least six, at least six  
14 I'm sure.

15 Q Okay. And they were loud?

16 A Yes, my ears are still ringing.

17 Q Okay. Let me ask you this, with the way  
18 things are that you're hearing; did you think that the  
19 shooting was happening very close to you?

20 A Yes, sir, it was very close to me.

21 Q Okay. Now, you didn't see any shooting,  
22 though. In fact, did you see anyone shooting?

23 A I heard gunshots, but I didn't see any  
24 gunshots.

1 Q Did you see [REDACTED] reach for a gun, or tell  
2 the officer he was going to shoot him if he didn't,  
3 if, if he didn't shoot him first?

4 A I don't recall that, no.

5 Q Okay. You just heard the gunshots?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Did you see [REDACTED] get out of the car at any  
8 time?

9 A I didn't see, I didn't see nothing, I knew  
10 they we got pulled out like officers and that,  
11 (inaudible 0:15:14). I was just, it was just a crazy  
12 situation I was in, I fuckin' put my hands on the  
13 window to make it known that, very clear, that I have  
14 no arms on me, you know, I just I didn't want them to  
15 think that I didn't --

16 Q And you yourself, how did you end up out of  
17 the car?

18 A I was dragged out by a police officer after  
19 the gunshots were fired.

20 Q Okay. And, you were in handcuffs and  
21 searched?

22 A Yes.

23 Q You didn't have anything on you?

24 A No. (Inaudible 0:15:51).

1 Q They didn't find anything, okay. And, so,  
2 you, I just want to make sure. So, you didn't see  
3 [REDACTED] being taken out of the car at any time?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you -- you didn't hear anything -- did  
6 you hear police officers telling him, don't go for  
7 that gun, don't reach for that gun? Did you hear  
8 anything like that?

9 A Yeah, sure, yeah.

10 Q Do you know at what point in time that you  
11 heard that?

12 A I would say it was like right away when they  
13 made it clear because he had a gun, they, like I had  
14 just gotten out, or like I don't even know. I don't  
15 know. I don't remember.

16 Q So, even though you didn't see the gun, you  
17 heard the officers telling him that they saw the gun?

18 A Yes.

19 Q They were shining a flash light in there?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And you heard them telling -- you don't  
22 remember what the words were that they were saying to  
23 him?

24 A No.

1 Q But you hear the officers telling him -- you  
2 hear them tell him don't -- what did you hear? Did  
3 they say don't touch the gun?

4 A I believe so. I mean that's what the  
5 officer who had the gun. So, that's what they would  
6 normally do.

7 Q And do you remember seeing [REDACTED] leaning  
8 forward and putting his hands down there at any point  
9 in time, like he was still reaching or not? But did  
10 you see him reaching down?

11 A I did not.

12 Q But you hear that this is part of the  
13 argument that's going on between the officers and  
14 [REDACTED]

15 A Right, right. I had to like, kind of like,  
16 I was more focused on it, because the other officer  
17 right next to me, like put the barrel to my face, then  
18 I'm fuckin', you know, I was just trying to like, I  
19 wasn't -- I wasn't trying to get, we weren't trying to  
20 get shot for no fuckin' reason, you know? Obviously,  
21 it was like, it was just a, it a fucked up situation,  
22 and like [REDACTED] I was looking out for her, you know,  
23 like.

24 Q Your sister and everybody?

1 A Yeah, everybody.

2 Q So, all you -- you don't see a gun, but you  
3 hear the officers yelling about don't touch that gun,  
4 or something along those lines. They're, they're,  
5 obviously the police are saying something about a gun  
6 to -- Do you know who they are speaking to? Are they  
7 speaking to; does it sound like it's directed at [REDACTED]

8 A No, it was like, I have no idea, no idea.  
9 They were -- I was just making it loud and clear, but  
10 I don't know if it was spoken, as if, I don't know.

11 Q You were going to make sure that they knew  
12 that you didn't have any weapon in there?

13 A That's why I had like my whole arms up.

14 Q Okay. All right.

15 A (Inaudible 0:18:25).

16 Q Okay. Can you think of anything else that I  
17 didn't think to ask you that you heard?

18 A No.

19 Q And, once again, you were treated fairly by  
20 the police today here?

21 A Yes.

22 DETECTIVE HEARSE: That will conclude our video  
23 then. If there's nothing additional to add, then I'm  
24 going to go turn the video camera off.

(STATEMENT ENDED)

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